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SUBJECT:CENTO'S FUTURE ECONOMIC PROGRAM

REFS: ANKARA 5175; TEHRAN 5160; ISLAMABAD 6242

1. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF POLICY LEVEL OFFICIAL MEETING BY
CENTO ECONOMIC STEERING GROUP HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 20 DUE TO ABSENCE OF GUIDANCE FROM REGIONAL
CAPITALS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT IDEA OF MEETING OF POLICY LEVEL
OFFICIALS IS STILL NEBULOUS AND NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD. TO
HELP GET SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF IDEA
LAUNCHED, WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF
POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR SUCH MEETING. WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY
TWO CONSIDERATIONS IN ASSEMBLING THIS LIST - ONE, THAT IT
BE CONCERNED WITH A PROBLEM COMMON TO ALL CENTO COUNTRIES
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EVEN THOUGH OUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES WITH IT MAY BE QUITE

DIFFERENT AND SECONDLY, THAT IT BE BROAD ENOUGH TO ENGAGE THE INTEREST OF POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTSGIVING COPY OF ILLUSTRATIVE LIST TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL(S) OF HOST GOVERNMENT. IN DOING SO, POSTS SHOULD STRESS ILLUSTRATIVE NATURE OF LIST; THAT IT IS INTENDED AS AN INDICATION OF KIND OF TOPICS WE THINK MIGHT BE SUITABLE AND THAT WE HOPE IT WILL RESULT IN STIMULATING OTHER IDEAS.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ECONOMIC STEERING GROUP AGREE ON TOPIC FOR POLICY LEVEL MEETING AT THEIR SEPTEMBER MEETING OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, ONCE TOPIC IS DECIDED, TO HAVE STAFF LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS MEET TO FLESH OUT AGENDA, CLARIFY OBJECTIVES OF MEETING AND WORK OUT SCENARIO SO AS TO ENSURE REAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND AVOID LIMITING DISCUSSION TO READING OF PREPARED STATEMENTS.

5. SO FAR AS REPRESENTATION IS CONCERNED, WE HOPE, IN OUR OWN CASE, TO HAVE AS SENIOR REP, SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM USG AGENCY WHICH HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOMESTIC POLICY OF WHATEVER SUBJECT AREA IS EVENTUALLY SELECTED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL DO THE SAME. THIS SHOULD HELP ENSURE USEFUL EXCHANGE AMONG KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS.

6. IN CONVEYING FOREGOING TO HOST GOVERNMENT, WE HOPE YOU WILL GET ACROSS IDEA THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF INTERNAL DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE AGENDA TOPIC COULD EXTEND BEYOND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

7. FOR ANKARA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BRIEFING SYG ON WHAT WE ARE DOING IN CAPITALS AS MEANS TO ACCELERATE DISCUSSION. WE WOULD HOPE HE MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW UP IN CAPITALS SO AS TO HELP ENSURE PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION AT NEXT ESG MEETING.

8. ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF TOPICS:

A. URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNAL MIGRATION
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CRITICAL PROBLEM IS ACCOMODATING MIGRATION FROM RURAL TO URBAN AREAS IN A MANNER THAT FORESTALLS GROWTH IN URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT AND ENABLES URBAN HOUSING AND SERVICES TO EXPAND RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO AVOID SERIOUS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

DISCUSSION MIGHT CENTER ON -

I. MAKING RURAL AREAS MORE ATTRACTIVE

.....INCREASING FARMERS INCOME

.....EXPANDING RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

II. PLANNING URBAN GROWTH

.....POLICIES TO INFLUENCE RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION
AND ITS LOCATION

.....TRAINING RURAL MIGRANTS FOR INDUSTRY

.....PROVISIONS OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER
URBAN SERVICES

THIS TOPIC IS SO BROAD THAT IT COULD CONCEIVABLY PROVIDE
MATERIAL FOR TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS - ONE DEALING WITH RURAL
DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM; THE OTHER WITH URBAN GROWTH.

B. AGRICULTURAL PRICE POLICY

AGRICULTURAL PRICES AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING PRODUCTION

THE PRICE OBJECTIVE FOR THE URBAN CONSUMER

IMPACT OF AGRICULTURAL PRICE POLICIES ON INTERNAL MIGRA-
TION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

AGRICULTURAL PRICE POLICIES AND LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES

C. MANPOWER PLANNING FOR AN EXPANDING ECONOMY

HOW TO INCREASE LEVEL OF EDUCATION, LITERACY AND MANPOWER
TRAINING WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING TO THE NUMBER OF EDUCATED
UNEMPLOYED

.....TECHNIQUES FOR DEALING WITH EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED

.....THE PREPARATION OF A MANAGERIAL CLASS FOR BUSINESS
AND GOVERNMENT

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D. NATIONAL HEALTH THEMES

.....POLICY OBJECTIVES AND PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTATION

.....HEALTH PLANNING--A FUNCTION OF PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
OR HEALTH MINISTRIES

.....COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE THROUGH
GROUP-PRACTICE, PREPAID HEALTH SERVICES, AND/OR USE OF
COMMUNITY INCENTIVES AND VOLUNTEERS

.....USE OF PARAMEDICALS OR AUXILIARIES TO EXTEND
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